

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 715

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Head Coach Ken Campbell and the Walters State Senators Baseball Team on their successful season and on making their second trip in three years to the NJCAA (JUCO) World Series.

WHEREAS, the Walters State Community College Senators baseball team has enjoyed some success in recent years but the 2005 regular season started out with some questions; however, under the leadership of a committed and skilled coaching staff, the Senators found the proper chemistry and winning attitude to take a team to the state/region and district championship; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State Senators entered the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament seeded fourth; undefeated in the tournament, they outscored their opponents 49-15; and

WHEREAS, after claiming the region championship, the Senators entered an East Central District series with Young Harris College of Young Harris, Georgia; the winner of the best of three series would win the right to advance to the World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Walters State team swept the Young Harris Mountain Lions 13-12 and 11-7; Pitcher Doodle Hicks was named to the All-TJCCAA first team and the entire Senator starting infield, consisting of first baseman Tyler Westmoreland, second baseman Zac Bowman, shortstop Ryan Kinder, and third baseman Justin Pickett, and pitcher Philip Utley were named to the All-TJCCAA second team; and

WHEREAS, the acumen and dedication of the Senators' coaching staff, led by Head Coach Ken Campbell and including Assistant Coaches Joey Seaver and David Shelton, are without peer; the support of family, student body members and fans has provided positive

reinforcement to the players and taught them valuable lessons of life, sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, the administration of Walters State Community College, along with all the students and faculty, has strongly supported the outstanding Senators baseball program; and

WHEREAS, under the expert and positive leadership of Head Coach Campbell and the experienced and able assistance of his staff, the Senators have gained the reputation of being one of the most outstanding junior college baseball teams in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2004-2005 Walters State Community College Baseball roster includes: Ryan Kinder, C.J. Lee, Chad Maddox, Zane Stone, Doodle Hicks, Jon Edmonds, Cole Draughn, Craig Wojciechowski, Blake Butler, Zac Bowman, Aaron Mania, Adam Trent, Justin Pickett, Eric Thornburg, Zack Sterner, Britton Stansell, Jason Gray, Philip Utley and Tyler Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, after achieving an incredible 46-14 record during this championship season and a berth in the NJCAA World Series, the 2005 Senators have ensured themselves an indelible record in their school's athletic annals; and

WHEREAS, these young men have displayed ability, character, teamwork and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, fellow students and supporters, singularly represented their school and the State of Tennessee on the baseball diamond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the 2005 Walters State Community College Senators Baseball Team on winning their state/region and district championships and offer the team members and coaches our best wishes for every success and satisfaction in all their future endeavors, including their second trip in three years to the NJCAA (JUCO) World Series to be held in Grand Junction, Colorado.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.